



2021 Virtual Texas Area Conference Extemporaneous Writing

TIMELINE

January 6: 2021 Virtual Texas Area Conference Registration Deadline for all areas

January 15: Login Credentials Deadline for Online Testing (emailed to competitors)
Virtual Opening Session for all areas

January 18: Online Test (8:00 am to 8:00 pm CST)

January 20: Conference Registration fees due

February 10: Virtual Grand Awards Session All Areas @ 2:00 pm CST



GUIDELINE MODIFICATIONS: View rubric [HERE](#)

- Extemporaneous Writing will be done as part of the online testing platform.
- The Secret Topic will be entered into the online test as a “question” and competitors will be asked to type their essay as a “response” within the online platform.
- Since the essay will NOT be typed in Word, all points for formatting requirements have been removed from the modified rubric.
- Competitors will take the test (write their essay) in the online testing system anytime in the 12-hour window on January 18. (8:00 am to 8:00 pm CST)
- The same 60-minute time limit still applies, as in the original guidelines, and the testing system will automatically countdown time remaining.
- Reminder – all essays will be checked for plagiarism, so be sure the work is 100% your own content.
- Go to **testing.hosa.org** to access the testing system. Login credentials will be emailed directly to competitors by January 15. If the competitor does not have an email on file, the information will be sent to their local chapter advisor for distribution.
- Tests can be taken on a smartphone, tablet, or computer.
- Please click [HERE](#) for online testing instructions..
- Tests will be open for a 12-hour window. You can login to test anytime during these 12 hours.



TECHNOLOGY NEEDS



TESTING

- Tests can be taken on a smartphone, tablet, or computer.
- If you have any issues logging in, accessing online testing, or if you did not receive your password and login information via email by January 18, please call the CE Help Line immediately. 1-877-728-0150

SECURITY & ETHICS

- All competitors are required to review the Virtual Texas Area Conference Security and Ethical Statement found [HERE](#).

DRESS CODE

- As Future Health Professionals, HOSA members should present themselves in a professional manner for all recorded video presentations and/or live events as part of the Texas HOSA Virtual Area Spring Conference; however, dress code bonus points will not be awarded this year.